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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

**LONDON:**—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOSCH, Ludgate Circus. H. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

**PARIS AND EUROPE:**—LEON DE ROENT, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

**NEW YORK:**—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

**AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA AND NEW ZEALAND:**—GORDON & GOSCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

**SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally:**—BLAIR & BLACK, San Francisco.

**SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:**—SAYLE & CO., Singapore. C. HENSEN & CO., Manila.

**CHINA:**—Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow, HEBER & Co., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WILSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## Bank.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.  
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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

#### MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON CURRENT Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

##### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per annum.  
" 6 " " 4% " "  
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. OROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

#### Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND,  
THE CITY BANK,  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

**FINE NEW FIGS**, direct from Smyrna.  
Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.  
LET'S DIARIES for 1879.  
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.  
CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.  
American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.  
COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.  
FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.  
COCOA MATTING.  
TAPESTRY CARPET.  
DOOR MATS.  
California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.  
WHITNEY BLANKETS.  
REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.  
TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.  
LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.  
GREEN and MARONE REP.  
FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.  
FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.  
NAVY BLUE SERGE.  
CLOTH TROWER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.  
ALBUMS, in great variety.  
CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.  
CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.  
VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE-MACHINES.  
COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.  
IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.  
DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.  
TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.  
FOLDING CHAIRS.  
CIGARS, CIGARETTES.  
KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.  
HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.  
CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS.  
CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.  
CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

### MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE JUST LANDED, AND ARE NOW SELLING

Ex "Belgia" from San Francisco,

The following Seasonable Stores

of the Finest Quality.

#### TONGUES AND SOUNDS.

WHITE FISH.  
PICKEREL.  
TROUT.  
SALMON BELLIES.  
HALL BUT FINS.  
HOLLAND HERRINGS.  
EAST SCALE HERRINGS.  
SMOKED SALMON.  
SMOKED BEEF.  
RELIABLE BACON.

STAR HAMS.  
CHEESE.  
KEG BUTTER.  
ROLL BUTTER.  
NEW COD FISH.  
BONELESS COD FISH.  
C. R. SALMON.  
BEEF TONGUES.  
GREEN PEAS.  
LIMA BEANS.  
STRING BEANS.

GREEN CORN.  
CAVIAR GLASS.  
PECAN NUTS.  
PEANUTS.  
HONEY.  
CORNED BEEF.  
OYSTERS.  
LOBSTERS.  
CRACKERS.  
GOLDEN GATE FLOUR.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de3

#### NOTICE.

AS the Weather is now favourable, the

Undersigned is Prepared to SUPPLY

his former CUSTOMERS with the follow-

ing ITEMS now in Season:—

ROAST BEEF.  
CORNED BEEF.  
CORNED TONGUES.  
PICKLED PORK.  
MUTTON.  
GAME PIES.  
SAUSAGES.  
GAME and VEGETABLES.

All of the very Best Quality.

Any Orders I may be favoured with will

be immediately attended to and forwarded

by the First Opportunity.

W. HOPEIN,  
2, Tientsin Road,  
Shanghai.

Shanghai, November 28, 1878. de3

#### WASHERMAN'S BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## For Sale.

### CHRISTMAS STORES

#### —AND— PRESENTS.

**PLUM PUDDINGS.**  
**CHRISTMAS CAKES.**  
**MINCEMEAT.**  
**SMYRNA FIGS.**  
**ELVAS PLUMS.**  
**CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.**  
**DRAGEES.**  
French and English BONBONS.  
CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.  
ASSORTED COSAQUES.  
TELEPHONE CRACKERS.  
CONFERENCE CRACKERS.  
AQUARIUM CRACKERS.  
French and English TOYS.  
MECHANICAL TOYS.  
DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.  
SWIMMING DOLLS.  
DOLLS' FORTMONTAUX.  
DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.  
PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.  
ROCKING HORSES.  
MUSICAL BOXES.  
TEA and DINNER SETS.  
NOAH'S ARKS.  
WHEELBARROWS.  
GUNS and SWORDS.  
SPADES and PAIRS.  
BARREL ORGANS.  
French ALBUMS.  
LADIES' DRESSING CASES.  
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.  
WORK BASKETS and BOXES.  
LADIES' COMPANIONS.  
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.  
CARD RECEIVERS.  
STATUETTES.  
Bohemian FLOWER VASES.  
Pharoas WRITING CABINETS.  
SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.  
RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS.  
MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.  
Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases.  
BIBLES.  
PAINT BOXES, Fitted.  
TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.  
ANEROIDS.  
CROCODILE SCENT CASES.  
CIGAR BOXES.  
WRITING DESKS.  
MEERSCHAUM PIPES.  
LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE.  
MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.  
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.  
&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to an-  
nounce that, during DECEMBER and  
JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large  
and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY,  
WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and  
ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably  
under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an  
Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS,  
suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fel

LOST, a little BLACK and TAN Female  
DOG, from No. 9, Gage Street, on  
Tuesday Night about 11.30. A Reward of  
\$10 will be given for its Return to the  
above Address.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. de3

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is  
Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS  
at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### NOTICE.

**TAKASHIMA COAL.**  
WE hereby beg to notify that we have  
instituted legal proceedings against  
Mr Goto Shojiro, the owner of the Takashima  
Collieries and Mines, for breaches of  
his agreements with us, as Agents of the  
said Mines, by delivering Coal, and other-  
wise, and for an indebtedness in respect  
thereof.

His agreements with us render it a  
wrongful act on his part, to supply the  
produce of the mines, through others than  
ourselves, or to give possession of any part,  
or to recover the proceeds thereof without  
our consent.

Our exclusive right to supply, our present  
possession, and right to possession, and our  
absolute right to claim and receive the  
proceeds of the produce of the Takashima  
Mines have never been waived by us.

We therefore formally warn all pur-  
chasers, and others concerned, not to pay  
or advance to Mr Goto Shojiro, or to any  
other than ourselves money on account of  
any Coal supplied or delivered, or to be  
supplied or delivered, by him or others  
from the Takashima Collieries and Mines,  
and we hereby give notice that we shall  
hold any person or persons receiving any  
Coal, directly or indirectly from the said  
Collieries and Mines, responsible to us for  
the value thereof.

We further give notice, that we shall be  
prepared, on receipt of the purchase money,  
to indemnify any purchaser of the said  
Coal against any claim that Mr Goto  
Shojiro, or any other person, may substan-  
tiate against him, in respect to such pur-  
chase.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878. de3

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at  
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS  
GODOWNS, under European supervision;  
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the  
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick  
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

### MOORE & Co.,

"VARIETY STORE"  
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.  
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, December 10, 1878.

### NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,  
DR EASTLAKE will receive his  
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,  
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the  
MEDICAL HALL.  
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

**HUTCHINGS**  
begs to announce to the Community  
of Hongkong that he will be able to supply  
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,  
from 1st October, and trusts that they may  
grant him their support.  
Show—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite  
the Cathedral.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions from H. M. Naval Store-  
keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

### TUESDAY,

the 3rd December, 1878, at 11 o'clock  
a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—  
SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL  
and VICTUALLING STORES, Com-  
prising:—

Old Wrought and Cast Iron,  
Old Wind, Canvas and Leather  
Hoses, Lanterns, Glass, White and  
Painted Canvas  
Old Banners, Boats, &c., &c.,  
Sundry Provisions and Clothing,  
10 Italy's Screw Jacks,  
&c., &c., &c.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de3

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in-  
structions from Messrs BIRLEY  
& Co. to sell by Public Auction, by  
Order of the Mortgagees, on or about  
the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class  
IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP  
"AMERICA,"  
of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873  
by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbar-  
ton, and Engine by Messrs. Ton and  
McGREGOR, of Glasgow, with Compound  
Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condens-  
ing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal),  
working up to 450 H.-P. effectual; Con-  
sumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons;  
Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of  
Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylin-  
ders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multi-  
tubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth,  
extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold,  
Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.;  
Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.;  
Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D.  
W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100  
Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bun-  
kers; Class, Lloyds 90 A1; Water  
Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam  
Winches, and HARFIELD'S Patent Wind-  
lass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin  
Passengers and Cabin aft for 3. Boilers  
retubed in Hongkong in June, and the  
Hull and Machinery now in first-class  
order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be  
SOLD SEPARATELY.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONE-  
ERS, where Inventory and Plan of the  
Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on fall of  
the hammer. The Balance on completion  
of Transfer, expenses of which are to be  
borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and  
Inventory, with all faults and errors of  
description, to be at the Purchaser's risk  
at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878. ja20

### SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or  
PAPERS will be thankfully received  
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.  
The Steamship  
"NAMO,"  
Capt. WESTON, will be de-  
spatched for the above Ports  
on SUNDAY, the 1st December, at Day-  
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, November 28, 1878. del

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.  
The Steamship  
"TAIWAN,"  
Capt. M. YOUNG, will be de-  
spatched for the above Ports on  
SUNDAY, the 1st December, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. del

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE,  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and  
taking through Cargo and Passengers  
to New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian  
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer  
"MENMUIR,"  
Capt. DARRIE, R.N.A., will  
be despatched as above on MONDAY, the  
2nd December, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 27, 1878. de2

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND  
HIOGO.

The Steamship  
"OPHRENE,"  
expected here on or about the  
30th instant, will have imme-  
diate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-  
tralian and New Zealand Ports,  
TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamship  
"MECOA,"  
Capt. MONROE, due here  
about the 18th instant, will  
be despatched as above early in December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & DUNEDIN (N.Z.)  
The British Bark  
"HOTSPUR,"  
Capt. SHAW, will have a quick  
despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to  
ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.  
The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Swedish Bark  
"ALMA,"  
O. OHLSSON, Master, will load  
here and will have quick  
despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 21, 1878.

FOR LONDON.  
(If sufficient inducement offers.)

The 4 1/2 British Ship  
"COMMISSARY,"  
A. MONSON, Master, will load  
here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The 4 1/2 British Ship  
"MINYDON,"  
Captain LESLIE, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de26

FOR NEW YORK.  
The 4 1/2 British Ship  
"MONETA,"  
Capt. HISSER, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de26

FOR NEW YORK.  
The 4 1/2 American Bark  
"AMY TURNER,"  
Captain NEWELL, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de26

FOR NEW YORK.  
The 4 1/2 British Bark  
"LIZZIE FERRY,"  
Captain PITMAN, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de26

FOR NEW YORK.  
The 4 1/2 British Bark  
"LIZZIE FERRY,"  
Captain PITMAN, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 17, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The 4 1/2 German Bark  
"NIAGARA,"  
PAULSEN, Master, will load  
here for the above Port, and  
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, November 2, 1878.

FOR CALLAO.  
The British Bark  
"LORD MACAULAY,"  
MONKMAN, Master, having a  
large portion of her Cargo  
engaged, will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, October 26, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.  
The 4 1/2 British Ship  
"MARY FRASER,"  
DEXTER, Master, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR LONDON.  
The British Ship  
"SIR CHARLES NAPIER,"  
Geo. FRENCH, Master, will load  
here for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.



## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *BELOUG*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 24, 1878. de2

NORWEGIAN S. S. HAKON ADELSTEIN, FROM NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. PEL HO.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that the Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 10 a.m., the 28th Inst., at 5 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 5th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN, Agent.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN, Agent.

Ex "Anadyr."

T. H. Tan Sive, 4 p.m. Metal, from Batavia.

Hongkong, November 22, 1878.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr. L. HENNEQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.

H. DE POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHARTER in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. de18

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Underwriter in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED on the 1st August, 1877, and Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Underwriter has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leasee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs. KEMP & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## MAILS.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878. de3



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Hongkong, November 23, 1878. de5

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Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 11th December, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

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L. HENNEQUIN, Agent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. de12

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

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**GARRISON THEATRE.**  
THE BAND AMATEURS OF  
HER MAJESTY'S 74TH HIGHLANDERS  
will, by kind permission of Colonel Jago,  
give a  
**THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE**  
ON  
**Wednesday Evening,**  
the 4th December, 1878.

(By Special Request)  
The Performance will commence with a  
Comedy, in Two Acts, by  
FELHAM HARDWICK, Esq.,  
Entitled:

**"A BACHELOR OF ARTS."**

To conclude with a Farcical Extravaganza,  
in One Act, by  
Messrs BROUGHTON and HALLIDAY,  
Entitled:

**"THE COLLEEN BAWN  
SETTLED AT LAST."**

Doors Open at 8.30; Curtain to rise at 9.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Reserved Seats, 1 DOLLAR.  
Front Seats, 50 CENTS.  
Back Seats, 25 CENTS.  
Tickets may be obtained from  
D. WISHART, Band Sergeant,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 27, 1878. de5

**POSTPONED**  
UNTIL A DAY NEXT WEEK,  
TO BE HEREAFTER NAMED.

**THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.**

THE OPERA SEASON BEING  
FINISHED,  
**MR. JOHN ROLLINGS**  
begs to announce that he will take his  
FAREWELL BENEFIT  
in Hongkong,  
ON  
A DAY NEXT WEEK,  
On which occasion will be produced  
BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA

**"THE LILY OF KILLARNEY,"**  
In Four Acts,  
With all its Starling Effects.

**MISS CLARA STANLEY AS EILY.**

**CAST OF CHARACTERS:**  
Hardress Oregan, Mr. H. VERNON.  
Daisy Mann, Mr. H. PHILLIPS.  
Myles-na-Coppaleen, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.  
Anne O'Connell, Miss B. DRABGER.  
Father Tom, Mr. M. DRABGER.  
Mrs. Oregan, Miss A. DRABGER.  
Mr. Oregan, Mr. M. DRABGER.  
Servant, Miss B. DRABGER.  
Shelah, Miss B. DRABGER.  
Miss O'CONNOR, Miss C. CLARA  
EILY O'CONNOR, Miss C. CLARA  
Hunters, &c.

THE CELEBRATED WATER CAVE SCENE WILL  
BE PRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH  
ALL ITS STARTLING EFFECTS.

**SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:**  
ACT I.  
**HALL OF TORE OREGAN.**

ACT II.  
**THE GAP OF DUNLOE.**

**COTTAGE AT MUCKROSS HEAD.**

Mr. J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRABGER  
will introduce the celebrated  
MRS MACGOWAN'S REEL.

ACT III.  
**SCENE 1ST.—EXTERIOR OF TORE  
OREGAN.**

**SCENE 2ND.—MOUNTAIN PASS.**

Interval of Five Minutes.

**SCENE 3RD.—THE CELEBRATED CAVE  
SCENE.**

ACT IV.  
**THE MARRIAGE SCENE.**

**GENERAL DENOUEMENT.**

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MR. F. PANIZZA.**

The Operas are produced under the Sole  
direction of  
MR. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at  
Messrs KRAV & Co.'s, where a Plan of the  
Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Dress Circle or Orchestra  
Stalls, Two DOLLARS.  
Pit, ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen  
cannot be admitted.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**LOST.**  
LAST NIGHT, on the QUEEN'S ROAD,  
or in the CITY HALL, a GINGALESE  
GOLD LOCKET, containing a Photo-  
graph. The Finder will please commu-  
nicate with the Office of this Paper, when a  
Reward will be given if necessary.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

**FOR SWATOW.**  
The Steamship  
"OLYMPIA"  
will leave for the above Port on  
MONDAY, the 2nd December,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**KWOK ACHONG.**  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close  
his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies  
that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or  
by him, he will Collect and Pay.  
The Interest and Good will of his Business  
has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS  
LAPRAIK & Co.  
E. VINCENT.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have  
This Day Established a BRANCH of their  
Firm at Swatow, and have authorized  
Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—  
GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.  
Russell & Co.

FONTEAIVE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.  
Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A.  
Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

GIJANILLA, British barque, Captain  
Wallace.—Captain.

ALEPPO, British barque, Captain Robert  
Falconer.—Captain.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M.  
Gouvy.—Landstein & Co.

NABLER, British barque, Capt. W. L.  
Bryar.—Messageries Maritimes.

FIRTH OF FORTH, British barque, Capt.  
J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain  
James Beer.—Captain.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jes-  
sen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

CRAIG ABB, British barque, Capt. W.  
S. Hawkins.—Olyphant & Co.

HAMBURG, German barque, Captain H.  
von Kroge.—Eduard Schellhass & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.  
Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

## Charters Effected.

The following settlements have been  
effected:—

Swedish barque Alma, 847, to Hamburg,  
private.

American barque Amy Turner, 991, to  
New York, private.

British barque Monita, 921, to New  
York, private.

British ship Min-y-don, 1103, to San  
Francisco, private.

French barque Franklin, 553, Saigon to  
Mauritius or Bourbon, fr. 26 per ton, 26 day  
days.

German barque Angostura, 418, Saigon  
to Sourabaya, 20 cents per picul, 30 day  
days.

German barque Malvina, 479, to Hal-  
phong, thence to Touron, and back to  
Hongkong, \$2,100 in full.

French barque Nouveau Corleau, 908,  
to Halphong, thence to Touron, and back  
to Halphong, private.

German barque Brema, 395, to Batavia,  
Samarang and Sourabaya, private.

British barque Penrith, 549, to Hal-  
phong, thence to Touron and back to Hong-  
kong, 14 cents per picul, 50 day days.

German barque Tek-li, 350, monthly  
charter, 3 months, \$600 per month.

British steamer Washi, 265, to Saigon,  
\$500 in full.

Portuguese Alva, 631, on the berth for  
Bombay.

German brig Carl, 215, left for Bangkok,  
seeking.

German barque Ta-lee, 342, left for  
Bangkok, seeking.

British barque Firth of Forth, 839, pro-  
ceeds to Rangoon, under charter effected at  
home.

## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
Nov. 29, Annie S. Hall, American  
barkentine, 455, Chas. H. Nelson, New-  
chwang Nov. 29, Peas.—CAPTAIN.

Nov. 30, Chinkiang, British steamer, 799,  
S. M. Orr, Shanghai Nov. 29, and Swatow  
29, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Nov. 30, Kwangtung, British steamer,  
875, Punched, Foochow Nov. 27, Amoy  
28, and Swatow 29, General.—DOUGLAS  
LAPRAIK & Co.

Nov. 30, Hermine, German barque, 350,  
F. Meyer, Swatow Nov. 29, Beana.—  
CHINESE.

Nov. 30, Emilio V., Italian barque, 724,  
Merello, Nagasaki Oct. 14, Ballast.—  
MUSCO & Co.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Nov. 30, Albany's Isle, for Bangkok.

80, Emmy, for Amoy.

80, Lorne, for Singapore.

80, Pitho, for Shanghai.

30, Chinkiang, for Canton.

80, Diamante, for Amoy.

**CLEARED.**  
Conquest, for Hoihow.

Trio, for Yokohama.

Penedo, for Saigon.

Namoo, for Coast Ports.

Taiwan, for Amoy, &c.

Glamia, for San Francisco.

Sir C. Napier, for London.

Olympia, for Swatow.

Lizzie Perry, for New York.

Lord Macaulay, for Calao.

Glanilla, for Manila.

**PASSENGERS.**  
Arrived.

Per Chinkiang, from Shanghai and Swa-

tow, Major-General and Mrs Donnan; Mr

J. MacLeod, and 50 Chinese.

## PASSENGERS.

Per Kwangtung, from Coast Ports, Messrs  
Lewis, Collins, Bushby, and Lay, 1 Euro-  
pean deck, and 202 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Emmy, for Amoy and Manila, Messrs  
Rafael Inchausti, Francisco Moreno, A.  
Ebzinger and child, W. Knapp and J.  
Richter, and 100 Chinese.

Per Lorne, for Straits Settlements, 230  
Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Penedo, for Saigon, 170 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American barkentine Annie S. Hall  
reports: Heavy gales the whole passage  
with a high sea.

The British steamer Chinkiang reports:  
Fresh N.E. winds and fine weather through-  
out.

The British steamer Kwangtung reports:  
Left Poochow on the 27th, had fresh N.E.  
gale and heavy sea to Amoy, thence to port  
fresh N.E. monsoon and fine weather. In  
Poochow: str. Europe. In Amoy: H.M.S.  
Hart. In Swatow: str. Caribbrooke, Wen-

chow, Foochow, Koro, Cassandra, and Asia.  
S. S. Douglas left Swatow on the 29th for  
Amoy. On the 29th at 8.30 p.m., passed a  
steamship bound North. On the 30th at  
3 a.m., passed two steamers bound North,  
and S. S. Emmy off Ninapias bound North.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—  
Per Taiwan, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the  
1st Dec.

For SWATOW.—  
Per Olympia, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the  
1st Dec.

## MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet Memmair,  
will be despatched from Hongkong, on  
MONDAY, the 2nd December, with  
Mails for Singapore, Somerset,  
Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,  
Keele Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tas-  
mania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after  
1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30 p.m.  
Supplementary mail on board with late  
fee of 18 cents till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western  
Australia can be sent by this route if  
desired, but as a general rule it is  
better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Nov. 29, 1878. de2

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet Belgo,  
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the  
3rd December, with Mails for Japan,  
San Francisco, and the United States,  
which will be closed as follows:—

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters  
(except for Non-Union Countries) may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage  
until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies  
(except the Bahamas and Hayti),  
Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay  
can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878. de3

## MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Lombardy  
will be despatched with Mails for the  
Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo,  
Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta,  
Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served  
through London, on THURSDAY,  
the 6th December.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,  
nor for Mauritius.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 4th December.—  
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the NIGHT  
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 5th December.—  
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale  
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters. Registry ceases.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted with  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra

11 A.M. when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)  
addressed to the United Kingdom  
Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,  
till

11.50 A.M. when the Mail is finally  
closed.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. de5

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Andager will  
be despatched from Hongkong on  
THURSDAY, the 12th December,  
with Mails to and through the United  
Kingdom and Europe, via Mar-  
seilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Bata-  
via, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras,  
Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and  
Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 11th December.—  
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the NIGHT Box,  
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 12th December.—  
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

12 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)  
may be posted on payment of a  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,  
till

11.30 A.M. when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. de12

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES:—

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.**—The Right  
Reverend Bishop Burton; The Revd.  
R. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain.  
Morning Service 11, Evening 4. Holy  
Communion on the first Sunday in the  
month.

**Military Service.**—Rev. J. Henderson,  
officiating Military Chaplain. At 9 a.m.  
Morning Prayer, &c. Holy Communion  
on the second and fourth Sunday in the  
month.

**UNION CHURCH.**—Morning Service, at  
11 a.m. Afternoon, 6 p.m.—Divine Service  
in Chinese, 2-3 p.m. every Sunday, with  
communion on first Sunday of every month.  
—Rev. Dr. Eitel.

**ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.**—  
Preacher at 11 a.m.—Rev. John Henderson.  
At 5 p.m., Rev. R. Hayward Kidd.

**ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION CHURCH.**—Rev.  
A. B. Hutchinson, and Rev. Lo Sam  
Yuen. (All Services in Chinese.) Morn-  
ing Prayer—Liturgy, Ante-Communion,  
and Sermon, at 11 a.m. Bible Class, at 3  
p.m. Preaching, at 6.30 p.m. Holy Com-  
munion, 1st Sunday in Chinese month.

**BERLIN FOUNDLING HOUSE.**—Service in  
the German language, by Rev. W. Louis,  
every Sunday, at half-past ten a.m., in  
the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House,  
West Point.

**ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.**—Divine Service on  
every Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

**Shipping.**  
Daylight.—Namoo leaves for Coast Ports.  
10 a.m.—Taiwan leaves for Amoy, &c.

**MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.**

**Shipping.**  
Daylight.—Olympia leaves for Swatow.  
2 p.m.—Memmair leaves for Singa-  
pore, &c.

**Meeting.**  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

**General Memoranda.**

**TUESDAY, December 3:—**  
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

**WEDNESDAY, December 4:—**  
9 p.m.—Theatrical Performance by the  
Band of the 74th, at the Garrison  
Theatre.

**THURSDAY, December 5:—**  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports  
of Call and Europe.

Goods per Pei Ho undelivered after  
Noon, subject to rent and landing  
charges.

**THURSDAY, December 12:—**  
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of  
Call and Europe.

**MONDAY, January 20:—**  
Sale of the Iron Screw Steamship Ameri-  
ca, by Messrs. Hughes & Legge, on or  
about this date.

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continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

The publication of this issue commences  
at 7.30 p.m.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOV. 30, 1878.

Most of our readers will probably have  
little difficulty in coming to the conclusion  
that the writer of the letter signed  
"Christian," which we published last  
night, is one of a pretty large party of  
educationalists who find it to their inter-  
est to support, through thick and thin,  
the voluntary system of education in  
opposition to what may be termed the  
State system, or School-boards. The  
chief object, "Christian" has in view is  
probably to obtain an increased grant for  
some voluntary school in the Colony at  
the expense of the Central School. In a  
general way the opposition to Board-  
schools—which as we showed yesterday  
correspond to the Government Schools  
in this Colony, including the Central  
School—arises from a similar desire,  
namely, to divert the support given to  
Board-schools to voluntary schools. The  
desire is a very natural one. In volun-  
tary, or denominational, schools the  
children are not only taught to read,  
write and cypher, but also to become  
very good Churchmen, Roman Catholics,  
or Primitive Methodists, as the case may  
be. In Board-schools, on the other hand,  
while good sound moral precepts and  
broad Christian truths may be im-  
pressed upon the children at the option  
of the local Board, their minds cannot  
be indicated with the multitude of

sectarian dogmas. These nice and  
bewildering distinctions among Christi-  
ans are left for the Sunday school and  
the pulpit. Voluntary schools have  
hitherto been the mainstay of sects. A  
child was drilled to believe that the  
particular denomination under whose  
influence he happened to find himself was  
right and that all others were wrong—  
he was drilled in the dogmas of his sect  
from morn to eve, from infancy almost  
to manhood. No wonder, therefore, that  
ecclesiastics fought, and still continue to  
fight, so stoutly for their system—a sys-  
tem which lays the foundations of their  
constituencies. The State, however,  
when it stepped in to undertake the  
work of education, found it necessary to  
keep above all these sectarian differences.

It held that it was no part of its duty  
to teach religion, or at least to



and to remove the petitioner from the status of a pensioner altogether by payment of his gratuity in a lump sum. This request was very decidedly refused; and now comes the most remarkable part of the affair. Notwithstanding the expressed wish of the Governor to establish a corps of native pensioners in the Colonial service, and the direct refusal to pay the pensioned lukong's gratuity, the Chinese Constables in the Police Force have to a man signed a petition, addressed to the Governor, praying that this favourite scheme of His Excellency may be quietly relegated to oblivion, and that the gratuity be paid as before. These pensioners of the peace, in fact, decline to be a source of strength and support to the State which maintains them—a fact which suggests the reflection that the said State will not be much the loser by such a course of conduct. These men evidently come here to draw pay in exchange for a minimum of work and a maximum of loafing, and they do not respond "worth a cent" to His Excellency's aspirations of loyalty to the British Crown. As we have heard some very queer rumours about the Chinese Police Force here, we are not so much surprised at this new development; but in the ordinary course of nature, the petition of the lukongs should have a subduing effect upon Mr. Hennessy's great admiration for the Chinese character.

The following is the order of Service at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, Advent Sunday, 1st December, 1878:—

Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion at 11.—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Bishop of Victoria; First Lesson, Isaiah, i.; Second Lesson, 1 Peter, iii. 8 to 17; Venite, No. 1; Monks; Psalms, Nos. 9, 10 and 11; Monks; Te Deum, Ourselves in D. Jubilate, No. 83; Monks; Anthem, "O give thanks unto the Lord," No. 38; Kyrie, No. 5; Monks; Hymn, "Broad of heaven, on Thee we feed," No. 318.

Evening Prayer and Sermon, at 4.—Reader, The Rev. J. Henderson; Preacher, The Rev. J. Henderson; First Lesson, Isaiah, ii.; Second Lesson, John, xi. 47 to xii. 20; Psalms, No. 11; Monks; Magnificat, No. 165; Monks; Nunc Dimittis, No. 99; Monks; First Hymn, "The Advent of our King," No. 45; Second Hymn, "Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise," No. 81.

#### ST. ANDREW'S BALL.—1878.

The St. Andrew's Ball took place at the City Hall last night (St. Andrew's Eve); and it is not too much to say that the gathering of the clans and their friends was pre-eminently successful. When referring last year to the Caledonian Ball we expressed a hope that it might form a precedent for many similar gatherings; and our Scotch fellow-residents deserve to be warmly congratulated in that for the second time the St. Andrew's Ball has worthily inaugurated "the Season" in this Colony. The assembly must have been one of the largest in Hongkong annals, to judge from the number of invitations issued; and the ball-room and ante-rooms were very well filled with a brilliant and fashionable company. Amongst the guests present were—His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, Hon. Mr. May, Colonel Stuart, Mr. Justice Russell, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Lowcock, and Major Palmer, A.D.C.; with many officers of the Army and Navy, most of the officers attached to the various Consulates here, and an unusual number of "leading residents." The fact that the 74th Highlanders are at present the regiment in garrison tended very much to favour the national character of the gathering; and the Pipers were indispensable to one very important part of the programme. Shortly before ten o'clock Mrs. Hennessy, with Hon. Mr. Byrie, opened the ball; H.E. the Governor taking Mrs. Keswick as his partner in the first quadrille. The dancing was kept up with vigour until well into the morning, many of the ladies showing their interest in the proceedings by remaining until the programme was completed. It was worthy of note that the national characteristics of the entertainment were tastefully recognised by many of the ladies and gentlemen, local Thistles or bits of Tartan being shown on every side. Excepting the decorations, the national features of the ball was the "Strathpey and Reel," which was danced immediately before the guests went in to supper. This was what is generally known as the "fourome reel," and when it is remembered that no less than thirty-two took part in this most effective national dance (six ladies and twenty-six gentlemen), some idea may be formed of the inspiring nature of the performance. If the non-reelers had not formed so impenetrable a wall, enclosing the dancers' feet from admiration and criticism, we might have given an opinion on the "steps," some of which would doubtless have done no discredit to Balmoral or Broomhall. But, as it was, it can safely be said that the City Hall floor has never yet been so honoured as it was on this occasion; for a finer reel better danced to livelier music could not have been presented anywhere outside of the Caledonian assemblies in "Auld Reekie" or "Glasgow City." The music was of the true Highland kind, and to this the dancers were fully alive, as it seemed in truth to be.

"Put life and mettle in their heads." The time was perfect; and this event, which was, in our opinion, the success of the ball, was very creditable to the ladies and gentlemen who have thus revived this feature of a Caledonian Ball.

The names of the Committee of gentlemen to whom the honour of the arrangements is chiefly due are as follows:—Mr. R. Blackwell, Mr. R. Horne Boyd, Mr. J. Bremner, Mr. M. A. P. MacEwen, Mr. J. Gillies, Mr. J. Logan, Captain MacAlpine, 74th Highlanders, Lieut. Macdonald, 74th Highlanders.

Mr. John Macgregor, Mr. J. H. Scott, Mr. M. S. Tonnochy, and Mr. T. G. Williamson. The following gentlemen also acted as Stewards:—Mr. A. G. Aitken, Mr. George Murray Bain, Mr. R. Blackwell, Mr. R. Horne Boyd, Mr. J. Bremner, Mr. R. N. Dr. Campbell, A.M.D., Mr. A. Chayne, Mr. D. A. J. Crombie, Mr. W. Cruickshank, Mr. Henry Dickie, Mr. D. Gillies, Mr. D. B. Grant, Mr. J. Inglis, Hon. W. Keswick, Mr. W. Legge, Captain MacAlpine, H. M. 74th Highlanders, Lieut. Macdonald, H. M. 74th Highlanders, Mr. J. McCallum, Mr. A. P. MacEwen, Mr. A. Molver, Mr. John Macgregor, Mr. J. Noble, Hon. P. Ryrie, Mr. A. Campbell Reddie, Mr. D. M. Robb, R.N., Mr. W. Ross, Mr. J. H. Scott, Lieut. Stevenson, H. M. 74th Highlanders, Mr. M. S. Tonnochy, Mr. T. G. Williamson, and Mr. G. B. Young.

The music during the evening was supplied by the Band and Pipers of the 74th Highlanders; and a new and distinctive feature in the entertainment was noticeable in two little soldier-boys being stationed at the first landing on the stair-case, to present programmes to each of the company on arrival. A happy instance of the progress of the times and the present facilities of communication was furnished by the exchange of civilities by telegraph with the St. Andrew's Ball which was being held simultaneously in Shanghai. The following telegram was despatched from the City Hall at 9 p.m.:—"To the President of St. Andrew's Ball, Shanghai.—Brithers Scots; we send greetings." An answer to this message was received at the City Hall at 9.45 in the following terse but fraternal words:—"Thank you; good luck;—we're at John Tammen's house." The delivery of the despatch was partly owing to the courtesy of Mr. Schultze, of the Telegraph Company, and partly to the clearness and speedy working of the line.

Although the decorations—which had been entrusted to Captain MacAlpine (74th Highlanders), Mr. Bremner (R.N.), Mr. Gillies, and Lieut. Macdonald (74th Highlanders)—were not quite so elaborate as those of last year, they were arranged with such taste and skill as to secure the greatest effect, which, as a whole, was most charming. The entrance hall presented the appearance of a well-kept conservatory, the choice array of handsome and variegated plants and exotics being particularly agreeable to the eye. The pillars were festooned with spiral chains of evergreens, the same effective style of decoration (relieved by scarlet leaves) being carried along the balustrades, whilst the staircase was lined on either side with a tasteful selection of our Eastern plants in pots. On the first landing, and facing the entrance, was placed one of the finest floral designs we have seen for a long time, which attracted universal attention and admiration. The coat of arms or badge of the gullant 74th was here represented in an exceedingly pretty floral device, designed, we believe, by Mr. C. Ford, Superintendent of the Government Gardens; and the fanciful sketch of a full-dressed Highlander dancing Ghillie Callum over the St. Andrew's Cross was a happy if lax idea very cleverly executed. This charming centre-piece was well set off by the artistic arrangement of the gas-lights—the two "dery crosses" and three stars showing to great advantage. The principal corridor leading to the ladies' cloak-room was gay with the flags of various nations gracefully draped over floral decorations of numerous designs, the effective stars formed by bayonets and ramrods completing a pleasing picture. The Drawing Room was also arranged simply but tastefully, personal comfort never being sacrificed for the sake of florid decoration. It is seldom indeed that we have seen the Supper Room dressed with such elegance and taste as it was on this occasion. Mr. Bremner, of the Naval Yard, assisted by Mr. Cullinane, of the *Victor Emanuel*, and a host of assistants, spared neither time nor trouble in their successful labours. The arrangement and draping of the numerous gaily-coloured flags, and the artistic setting of the "serried bayonets" (which gleamed from the walls on every side in fresh-looking frames of evergreen) could only have been designed and carried out by our gallant Sailors. Scotland's Patron Saint looked out from his leafy screen as benignly as rough coloring would permit on the large assemblage who had met to honour his memory. The Verandah, protected by immense squares of hunting from the heavy wind which blew throughout the night, afforded a cool retreat for the dancers; and Mr. Cullinane's grotesque, with their ferned fountains, quite excelled his previous efforts in this style of decoration. The adornment of the Ball Room itself had been arranged under the personal supervision of Mr. D. Gillies, Capt. MacAlpine and Lieut. Macdonald (74th Highlanders), and great care had been taken to make every thing characteristic of the occasion. Shields representing the various Clan Tartans were placed over the doorways—a pleasing novelty, due, we understand, to our friends of the 74th, which to many must have recalled agreeable recollections of Highland festivals in the much-loved Land of O'akes. When we state that the well-known colours of

"Macdonald's men, Clarendon's men, Mackenzie's men, MacGillivray's men, Strathallan's men, the Lowland men, O'Callender and Aikie." to say nothing of the Royal Stuarts, the gay Gordons of the Garloch, the Whigs Campbell and their western followers, the red Macgregors, the gallant Strathallans from the far north, with the Lamonts from the Lowlands, the Frasers and Forbes from the Spey and the Nees, and other great names equally well known in ancient history, were well represented by members of the different clans, the thoroughly Scotch character of the assembly will be easily understood. The claret of the Highland officers, with the usual stars of bayonets and ramrods encircled the wall-lights; and had a very brilliant effect. But the gigantic thistle at the head of the room, surrounded by the

"Ruddy lion rampant, In his shield of treasured gold," with the national motto "Nemo me impune lacessit," and a huge cairn of granite boulders covered with moss and fern, formed probably the most striking of all the decorations. Viewed indeed from a short distance, with the full power of the gas-lights displaying the arrangement of the several devices, the centre-piece was certainly most effective, and the praise bestowed on it on all hands must have been some satisfaction to those whose labours it owed its existence. It may be remarked that the floor was in admirable order, except in one particular spot, and that attention to this detail materially aided the dancers, especially in rendering the dancing of the reel and strathpey as unqualified a success.

We observe that during the absence of Mr. Consul De Lane from China, the United States and German Consulates at this port

CHINESE NOTES.  
There is a puzzling expression often met with in the *Peking Gazette*, generally written 潜水 and pronounced *tan kan*. The meaning is "I, though incompetent, have undertaken the duty of" &c. *Solinvatore* has the habit of reading the second character "kan" become, that it is not unfrequently written 潜, which proves conclusively that the writer meant that sound and no other. The correct character, however, appears to be 潜, and the full expression, according to Williams, 潜水吹竿. Instead of being "an incompetent tyro at fishing" as usually translated, it should be "an incompetent tyro at playing upon the organ" or "shepherd's flute." The character is also written 等.

投鼠忌器 [Before you] throw [it at the] rat think of [the value of] the teapot. This curious expression is used in cases where it is intended to show that caution has to be used in punishing, lest the consequences of punishment bring along with them a still greater evil.

We wonder if any one can explain the working of what is known as the 孔明灯, a sort of fire-balloon which mounts high into the air upon the ignition of some turpentine or analogous substance contained in a bowl placed therein.

In Colonel Baker's *Turkey* we read:—"In travelling in Turkey... one place is said to be as many hours from another: . . . this may be taken at three miles."

The German expression *Stunde*, or "mile," or one hour's walk, is somewhat similar to the Chinese measure of distance called in vulgar parlance indifferently 塘 or 一里 which is about 10 li. The official distance between each 舖司 or 汛地—i.e. each government station-house—is called 一塘汛 or 一塘路. The former appears to refer more specially to water distances. The superintendents of the despatch offices are called 提塘.

A writer in a recent number of the *China Review* describes several ways of consulting the oracles. There is yet another called 卜卦 for which a tortoise-shell, with orifices at the neck and sternum, is necessary. Three cash are jerked into the neck by the person who wishes to consult the oracle, and the result is determined by the number of "heads" or "tails" which are respectively thrown out at the other end. In Foochow and Canton it is the custom to use for this purpose a particular kind of cash called 開元錢. Hence the Foochow adage: 三隻開元放汝腹老下.

In our issue of the 16th for "town ranks" read "lower ranks."

#### China.

FOOCHOW.  
(Herald, Nov. 21st.)

"A Proclamation from the Fukien Board of Trade, respecting the case of destruction and burning by the people of a foreign house which was erected by the English Missionaries on Bird's Tongue Bridge, Wu-shih-shan, on ground surreptitiously encroached by them."

"The Viceroy, the Tartar General, and the Provincial Governor, in a petition to the throne, requested that the civil and military officers who did not exert themselves to repress the rioters be deprived of their official buttons, and also be compelled to arrest the ring-leaders, as well as the other offenders, and have them punished according to their deserts. Now, we (the Board of Trade) in accordance with the orders of the Viceroy, the Tartar General, and the Provincial Governor have deprived Lin Ong-to (the How Kwan Magistrate) and Pwo Tai Hing (the small district military officer) of their official buttons, and have ordered them within a certain limited time to arrest the offenders. In further reference to this case the Tsung-lee Yamun, receiving the Emperor's will, have, in a despatch, commanded Ho (Viceroy) and the other officers with him to settle the case promptly and fairly. The Tartar General has also received orders to compel his inferior officers to have the ring-leaders arrested, and examined and punished according to their deserts. In accordance with these Imperial commands we (the Board of Trade) have received the orders of the Viceroy to cause the Prefects and the two District Magistrates severely to search out the offenders, and have them arrested without indulgence. In addition to all this, a proclamation is now issued for the information of all. You should all know that the ground was surreptitiously taken by the Missionaries. It was also illegal on your part, to cause the riot and tear down and burn the house. The two district magistrates have already caught a few of the rioters, and had them examined, but the nature of their punishment has not yet been decided. Should the ring-leaders of their own accord come forward and confess their offence, indulgence will be shown to them, and their case meet with proper consideration. If however they refuse to come forward, but are discovered and taken; it is most certain they shall be examined and punished according to the law. The rest of the ignorant people shall not be involved and need have no occasion to doubt or be afraid. From henceforth then let all be peaceable and quiet, and observe the law, and not disobey these our commands."

"This is what we greatly desire."  
"A Special Proclamation."  
"The 4th year Kwang Sen, the 18th moon, the 16th day."  
"11th November 1878."

We observe that during the absence of Mr. Consul De Lane from China, the United States and German Consulates at this port

will be in charge of Mr. F. Cheshire, United States Vice-Consul for Foochow.  
Camp life on the Tartar Parade Ground is, we hear, somewhat slow as compared with former years. There are a lesser number of ponies than usual in training, (not more than about 30) and but few expected. The weather is, however, promising than last year—as it will might be—and this fact may possibly induce a little new blood to enter the lists for turf honors.

#### NEWCHWANG.

16th November.  
We are having fine, bracing weather, but the port is quite safe yet, although Fohank has shown some 21° frost, and a few degrees more (or rather less in temperature) will put a small "muck of ice" on the river. Vessels are clearing out as quickly as possible, and we shall soon be shut out from the rest of China. Some changes are to be noted—Mr. Everard has joined H. M. S. Consul, and a few days ago the U. S. Consul (Mr. Knight) returned to his post, but he has gone again, en route for Peking it is rumoured. It is thought Mr. Knight may be induced to accept the Consul-Generalship at Shanghai, which would be a desirable change for you all.

We learn from Gorea that the Foreign Missionaries are quite safe there now, and that the Government will soon be prepared to place all actions on the favoured clause footing occupied by the Japanese. Some quantities of Korean ginseng have lately arrived on this market. Gold bars have also come to hand, but at present the purchases of heavy goods are on a very small scale, and hardly any business is being done with the Korean buyers compared to what used to take place.

The mail pidgeon is in the hands of the Customs again, and we have thus a guarantee that last winter's cause for grumbling will be obviated.—*Shanghai Courier*.

#### THE FLOODS IN SEANTUNG.

Tsai-nan-fu, North China, Oct. 17.  
The latest news, which is discussed from mouth to mouth in the capital of the Shan-tung Province, is the unusual fall of rain. During the month of September it scarcely rained at all, but for the first half of the month of October rain fell almost daily, and at times very heavily. The wheat which was sown before the rain is growing finely, and now that clear weather has come, the wheat yet to be sown will be put in. The long season of wet weather did some damage to the bean crop, not entirely gathered. The great cause of distress and alarm is the extensive rise of the Yellow river. For over ten years it has not been at so high a water mark, and considerable tracts of country bordering it is submerged. There are reports of the river having broken its banks in several places, both to the east and west of here, and I have heard people say that "China must be doomed," because of the quick succession of famine, pestilence and flood.

Yesterday, with a foreigner just arrived from Chefoo, I visited the river post of Tsai-nan-fu—Loa K'ou—and the Arsenal. The distance from the city to Loa K'ou is twelve li; a road usually thronged with passengers on foot, on donkeys, in Peking carts, and on wheelbarrows. We found most of the country turned into a lake, and had to make our way in boats over cultivated fields and along the main roads. Carts were dragged through the mud a long round—twice the usual distance. Even some large junks loaded with grain were approaching the city by means of a little creek now swollen to a great river. We enquired for boats for southern Shansi, but although we found many Kai-feng-fu (capital of Honan) freight junks, which were eager to take passengers to Shansi, there were no comfortable passenger boats, so our errand, of finding a good way of reaching Shansi by water, proved a failure. A large house boat had just arrived from Suchow and was ready for passengers or freight for the south, but was not willing to go up the Yellow river. We were comforted with the information that if steam-boats passed up the river the passage could be made quickly and comfortably; as it is now, with the current so strong and the banks overgrown so that trackers cannot be used, without a strong north wind no vessels can pass up stream. No steamer was ever seen in these waters except the steam dredger, which arrived from Tai-ming-cho this last spring. It lies unused near Loa-kou. We visited the Arsenal and found the superintendent just trying his new invention, which was a machine for grinding ink on an inkstone. Four great pieces of ink, each an inch thick, were fastened at equal distances in a circular disc, which worked above the round inkstone like the upper mill stone of a flour mill. To an iron fly wheel, over a foot in diameter, a handle was attached by which the operator ground the ink fast enough to keep several hundred of the literati busy with their pens. As Mr. Shu thus shows his devotion to letters, it is to be hoped that these croaking literary gentlemen will be satisfied now that it is evident he has not become a barbarian by studying foreign sciences. In the workshops Armstrong guns were being made, but not in such numbers as to imply any as imminent. When the inspection of its coast Mr. Shu hopes to return to Shanghai for a visit. Although the coal mines were not being worked, I was pleased to see the workmen in the Arsenal engaged on several pieces of machinery to be used when mines shall again be opened.

Later—the Yellow river has overflowed its banks 12 li from Tsai-nan-fu as I mentioned above, and a large tract of country is flooded. The water has flowed over the country for many miles in a north-easterly direction, some say 200, others 400 li. If it prove destructive, we shall have to call for help for the poor people.

To-day Messrs Scott and Capel left here for the west. Perhaps they will reach P'u-sho-fu in southern Shansi.—*Shanghai Courier*.

#### FASHIONABLE SLANG.

(Social Notes.)  
There are several varieties of slang in the English as well as in the French, German, and other European languages. Slang, or cant—sometimes called pedlar's French—was originally the speech of an alien race, the gipsies or Romany folk. From the gipsies many of their peculiar words were borrowed by tramps, vagabonds, beggars, and thieves; and from this class again the words ascended into that higher stratum of our complex civilisation composed of small traders and working men—such as counter-mongers, day labourers, navvies and the servants and frequenters of the stable, groom, jockeys, betting men, and others of that too numerous class, in

our day slang has ascended several degrees higher, till it has reached at last the lips of the wealthy, the high-born, and the beautiful. The slang of the gipsies is genuine and real, and merits as such a certain amount of respect. The slang of the educated classes is unrefined and detestable. It is of this latter slang that I desire to speak and to raise my voice on behalf of the purity of our noble English tongue—the most precious, the most energetic, and the most poetical at this time spoken on the globe, and that promises to be, in no very distant future, if it be not so already, the paramount speech of the civilised world. That the dirty cesspools of slang should empty themselves into the clear river of classical English is a result of our modern manners which is much to be deplored, and against which the leaders of society should set themselves as resolutely as they do against other breaches of decorum and good manners.

The vulgar among the middle and upper classes affect exaggeration in their expressions. "Very good" and "very bad" are phrases that are seldom heard, having been superseded by such words as "awful" and "dreadful." A very pretty girl is an "awfully pretty girl," or a "dreadfully fine woman." Our golden youth, male and female, as well as the lower grade of people who ape their manners and language, are at some times "awfully jolly," at other times "dreadfully bored." "I was at an awfully nice dinner party last night," says one. "You should see the new faros," says another, "it is screamingly funny." "I am going down to Brighton next week," says a third; "it is so jolly to be by the briny." While a young lady accepting a bouquet from an admirer graciously acknowledges the gift with the words, "Oh, thank you so much! Ta! awfully ta!"

It is another characteristic of the present time that young people—at least in company or in the ordinary current of conversation—never talk of "friendship" or "love." These honest old words are antiquated, and it is almost as contrary to good manners to mention them as it would be to speak of the commonest functions of nature. Fashion often disguises what it has to say in this respect under synonyms derived from the gutter. "I am awfully bored in general society," said a lady of title, "but I enjoy myself immensely among my p's." "He is a great ally of mine," said one member of Parliament to another, as if he were afraid of believing in friendship and loth to utter its name. Love fares still worse than friendship in the year 1878. "Smith is awfully spoony upon Miss Jones," says one. "Well," replies his companion, "she is an immensely nice girl, but she has no p's." "I can't understand," says Snob the first to Snob the second, "how a fellow can go spoony about a girl that hasn't got a penny to bless herself with!" and Snob the second replies, "Nor I either. Neither can I understand how that awful ass" (Jones or Robinson, as the case may be) "can go spoony about his own wife as he does after being married two years!"

It is not surprising that the Divorce Court should have an overflow of business if the word Love has lost not only the sanctity of its name but its meaning, or if people who in their uncontaminated youth have felt the gentle passion are ashamed at a later time of having once been natural. If courtship be a thing for ridicule, it is no wonder that matrimony—which ought to be its crown, its consummation, and its glory—should fall in the fruit, into the contempt which accompanied it in the blossom.

Two words derived from the stables are constantly heard from the mouths of men who may have studied at Oxford or Cambridge, who may hold commissions in the army or the navy, or be high in the civil service of the Crown, or who may otherwise rank honourably in the estimation of the world and of society. These words are "groom" and "form." A fashionable newspaper, noted for its excellent caricatures of the notables of the day, writes of a lady, whose name shall not be repeated, "She is fair and splendid, and has a profusion of hair, which she grooms in the plainest way, without fringe." "Look at that little filly," says a vulgar man in a ball-room, "how nicely she is groomed." "Form" in the stable signifies the state of health and general condition of a horse. The word is of such modern acceptance as to be unknown not only to Captain Grose in the last century, but to the compilers of Hotten's Slang Dictionary, published so lately as 1864. It is no longer confined to the race course, to Tattersall's, or to the stables where it originated, but is constantly employed to convey the idea of fashion, manner, custom, and polite observance. It is not good "form" to arrive too late to dinner, to dance with animation, or to applaud heartily at the opera. It is good "form," however, to call a hat a *fil* a child a *kid*, money *dbs*, a father a *relieving officer*, a mother or a wife an *old woman*, a cigar a *weed*, clothes *togs*, a pocket-handkerchief a *wipe*, a cravat a *chocker*, a shilling a *bob*, 25s a *pony*, &c., &c. That men of superior culture, by frequenting low society, should pick up the words of their associates is intelligible; but that when out of such society they should repeat and be proud of the vulgarities, which they have caught as they would catch scarlet fever, is no more to be understood than that a gentleman should like to be considered a costermonger or a chimney-sweep.

Corruption of language, if it does not proceed and produce, very certainly accompanies the corruption of manners. If the upper classes abdicate a function which should belong to them, of preserving the purity of the mother tongue, all the more imperative should be the duty of the Forum, the Pulpit, and the Same—imitating in this respect the example of all great writers and poets—to preserve it as it came down to them from the past, and to add to its wealth and beauty by all the means, as the great Chatham said on a different occasion, "which God and Nature have placed at their disposal."—*Charles Mackay*.

#### A QUEER DUEL.

A good deal has lately been heard of the progress of female emancipation in Russia, but it is somewhat of a novelty to find the Russian ladies figuring in the character of duellists, as was the case not long since with two belles of Petigorsk, a well-known fashionable resort on the northern slope of the Caucasus. A dispute arose between the rival beauties, springing out of the attentions paid to each in turn by a handsome young cavalry officer quartered in the neighbourhood. The quarrel ran so high that one of the Amazons at length dispatched her maid to the other with a formal challenge, which was instantly accepted. The beligerents met without seconds in a lonely place outside the town, each armed with a brace of loaded pistols. Before, however, they had even taken up their respec-

tive positions, the trembling of the one lady's hand caused her pistol to explode prematurely, sending a bullet through the dress of the other, who shrieked and fell down in a swoon. The assailant, frightened out of her wits, flung away her weapon and rushed to raise the supposed corpse; but her ungrateful antagonist, recovering her senses as suddenly as she had lost them, clutched her by the hair with one hand, while boxing her ears with the other in the most energetic style. The firing having now ceased, the battle proceeded hand to hand. Locks of hair, ribbons and shreds of clothing flew in every direction, and, but for the timely advent of three or four policemen, the affray might have ended like the somewhat similar combat of the Kilkenny cats. The military Lotherio's only remark on hearing the story was, "It's lucky they took to clawing each other, instead of me."

#### A SEALED POSTMAN.

You've all heard of sealed letters, of course, and seen some, too, no doubt; but did you ever hear of the letter carrier also being sealed? Well, a bit of news has come, saying that, among the Himalaya mountains the men who carry the mails on horseback, are sealed to their saddles in such a way that while they carry the letters they cannot get down from their seats, and what is more, the mailed packages are sealed to the men! Once attached to the route, the seals are not allowed to be broken, except by the Postmaster at the next station, and, if they happen to get broken otherwise than by accident, the carrier is severely punished. The result of this sealing is that a mail carrier who wishes to steal the letters in his charge is obliged also to steal the saddle and horse—and himself as well, I suppose. Nice places these carriers have to ride through at times! Why, in some parts, the road is so steep that in going down, the rider is kept upright by a rope passed under his arms and held in the hands of two men who are for this the rider would fall over the head of his horse, or else cause the horse itself to go over head first. Altogether, the postmen of the Himalayas must have a hard time of it.—*St. Nicholas*.

#### THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES.

As an illustration of the spirit of the times was the following little family scene when a bright four-year-old little lady was imitating her elders by making calls. "Now, mamma, you be Mitheth Dones and I'll be Mitheth Smith, and tum and mate you a call!"

Mamma—Very well, Mrs. Smith, I'm glad to see you, how do you do, and how are the children?

Totty—Tum twits well I taut you, but the children has all dot the hoopla toff!

Mamma—I'm sorry to hear that. How many children have you, Mrs. Smith?

Totty—Oh, I has ton, and dey is a gate tual to me wif my housekeepin'.

Mamma—they must be indeed. But how does your husband, Mr. Smith, do?

Totty—He's very well, tank you, but he's had bitness and he's dead failed.

Mamma—I'm sorry to hear that your husband has failed, but you haven't lost everything, Mrs. Smith, for I see you make calls in your own carriage.

Totty—Oh, yes! I keep my carriage. We has paid one cent on the dollar and does right on.

The above is a fact.—*Boston Commercial*.

THE OTHER DAY the Berkshire Courier, with well feigned innocence, inquired, "How can five persons divide five eggs so that each man will receive one, and still one remain in the dish?" After several hundred people went two-thirds distracted in the mazes of this proposition, the Courier gleefully says, "One takes the dish with the egg."

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, November 30, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$575

Old Patna, cash, 665 nom.

New Benares, cash, 660

Old Benares, cash, 640 nom.

New Malwa, cash, 770

Allowance Taels, 48

Old Malwa, cash, 224

Allowance Taels, 48

#### Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 87 1/2

30 days' sight, 87 1/2

6 months' sight, 87 1/2

Ordin, 87 1/2

Documentary, 6 months' sight, 87 1/2

Bombay, demand Rupees, 224

Calcutta, 224

Shanghai, demand, 77 1/2

80 days, 77 1/2

Bar Silver, 17 dwts. 15, 110 nom.

Sycee, 100, 103

Mexicans, 100, 103

Gold Leaf, 994 fine, 27.70

English Sovereigns, 5.46

Australian Sovereigns, 5.44

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 70 p. prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500

Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,720

Chinese Insurance Co., \$840

North China Ins. Co., \$1,250

H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$910

China Fire Ins. Co., \$224

H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$17 p. prem.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$15.17







## POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised June 7th, 1878.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except book like Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.R. means No Registration.

## Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Brazil, Peru, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are: the Australasian Group, and Central America.

## Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—  
Letters, 12 cents per ½ oz.  
Registration, 8 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Books and Patterns, 4 cents per 2 oz.

Exceptional rates, to the United Kingdom and Union Countries served through the United Kingdom via Brindisi only:—  
Letters, 16 cents per ½ oz.  
Registration, 8 cents.  
Newspapers, 4 cents each.  
Books and Patterns, 6 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

## Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Aspinwall (N.E.), Bahamas, Guatemala (N.E.), Hayti (N.E.), Mexico (N.E.), Panama (N.E.), Salvador (N.E.), and Venezuela (N.E.):—

	Via San Francisco, or via Panama.	Via S. Francisco, or via Panama.	Via S. Francisco, or via Panama.
Letters,	16	34	38
Registration,	None.	12	12
Newspapers,	4	4	6
Books & Patterns,	6	4	10

Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica (N.E.), Ecuador (N.E.), New Granada (N.E.), Nicaragua (N.E.):—

	30	34	38
Letters,	30	34	38
Newspapers,	6	6	8
Books & Patterns,	14	10	12
Registration,	12	None.	None.

Hawaiian Kingdom:—

	16	16	20
Letters,	16	16	20
Registration,	None.	None.	None.
Newspapers,	4	4	6
Books & Patterns,	8	6	8

W. Indies (except as above), Paraguay, Uruguay:—

	34	38
Letters,	34	38
Newspapers,	4	6
Books & Patterns,	8	10
Registration,	12	None.

British & Union West Indies only:—

	8	8
Letters,	8	8
Newspapers,	4	6
Books & Patterns,	8	10
Registration,	12	None.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascension.

Letters, by Contract Packet 24; by Private Ship 12; Registration, 12; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 4.

A small extra charge is made on delivery.

## LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.

Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, 2 8 2 2

Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office) viz.:—Hongkong, Macao, Port of China and Japan, Bangkok, Cebu, China, Fuzhou, and the Philippines, by Private Ship, 4 8 2 2

Between the above by Contract Mail, 8 8 2 4

Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper. The conditions are as follows:—

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched, or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrating articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the

title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped wrapper.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inspected.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance), drawings, engravings, or any like quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed; whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c., must not be sent as a separate packet.

Circulars, i.e., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, may also be sent by book post.

But a book-packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; or otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string; Postmasters being authorised to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

Patterns.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to *bond fide* trade patterns or samples of merchandise. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in cover open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. Samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind, but such articles only, may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen or other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., 12 bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as such for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, sprigs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ores, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curries, combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford

complete protection to the contents of the Mail Bags, and to the Officers of the Post Office, whilst at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples. Indigo cannot be sent by any place.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packet, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters—except those to and through Australia—from 11.10 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

A similar supplementary Mail is made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee is also 18 cents.

Miscellaneous Notices.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business. (See Postal Guide, par. 103.)

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China and Japan, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be fully exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the British Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Peking, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad; 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The postage will be 20 cents per lb., which will include Registration. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as bandboxes, &c.) Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ior, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mail, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registration will secure the senders against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

Mails exchanged with Manila and Saigon.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office, and that all paid correspondence sent to Manila in the mails should be delivered free there.

Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Berne provides that "Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than the recognized rates levied (in the case of paid correspondence) by the despatching Office. It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, in either Colony.

The above does not apply in any case to loose letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of extra charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed it would be found in all cases that the letters, &c., had been sent loose.

Any foreign stamps on loose correspondence are obliterated in this Office.

Indian Correspondence.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets.

The Pre-payment of correspondents for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is compulsory by whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

Registration to Bangkok.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters.

Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers, Army Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Southampton by British Packet, for one penny; or via Brindisi by British Packet for three pence. Hongkong stamps will pay this class of correspondence exactly the same as Imperial Stamps.

Soldiers' and Sailors' letters are, however, charged as ordinary letters if they do not conform to the following regulations:—

1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.

2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

3. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

4. The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all: Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dyestuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mail, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

5. The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Dishes, Articles of Dress,

Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

6. Patterns.—Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of what is a Pattern. It is a *bond fide* sample of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

7. To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

8. Between Hongkong and Shanghai, or Hongkong and Yokohama, however, in either direction, Money-Orders must be used.

9. The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, as no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

10. The Postmaster or Agent may postpone purchasing if his public funds in hand are not sufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in any case which appears doubtful or suspicious. He is allowed to charge a Commission of one per cent on all Stamps purchased.

11. Letters containing Stamps should be Registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

12. During the N.E. Monsoon, the Charterers and Agents of sailing ships for Manila, Saigon, Haiphong and Bangkok are requested to give notice to the Post Office of the departures of such ships.

13. No correspondence will be forwarded by sailing vessel but such as is specially so directed.

The Stamp Office being now provided with a 3-cent die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipt forms can also be stamped if required.

Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders on the United Kingdom and the Straits Settlements are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama. Shanghai and Yokohama also issue on Hongkong and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps.

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order\* is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departures of the mails.

4.—No order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—

Orders on the United Kingdom.

Up to £2.....	18 cents.
" 25.....	30 "
" 40.....	54 "
" 47.....	72 "

Local Money Orders (including Straits Settlements).

Up to \$25.....	15 cents.
" 50.....	30 "

5.—Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.

6.—Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7.—No order can be paid till the Payee have signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8.—If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9.—No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

\* Made out on a printed form which is supplied.

+ Local Orders on Shanghai are drawn at 2 per cent premium in all cases. A fixed dollar rate for drawing on the United Kingdom is in force at Shanghai.

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Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

## Unclaimed Correspondence.

Nov. 20, 1878.

Letts. Paps.	Letts. Paps.
A. Fook	1
Alexander, Capt.	1
Alexander, Harry	1
Azusa, Wm.	1
Arowgthunda,	1
Swamy	1
Atkins, John	1
Beguin, Monr. J.	1
Boscolo, L.	1
Baker, Miss A.	1
Breshore, Wm.	1
Brown, Camp	1
bell, Sir	1
Bushnell, Saml. G.	1
Bustamante y	1
Bayot	1
Calderon, Miss	1
Belle	1
Callaghan, Dr.	1
D. E.	1
Civetta, G.	1
Clarke, Hugh	1
Clatand, Monr. J.	1
Colville, D. D.	1
Crawford,	1
John W.	1
Creaton, James	1
Cross, Mrs. S. J.	1
Cunha, Carolina	1
A. da	1
Dilite, Monr.	1
Dumont, Mrs.	1
H. L.	1
Erasmus, James S.	1
Fernandez, Luigi	1
Fox, Madam	1
Gastin, Major	1
E. O.	1
Hannan, G.	1
Hemphill, G.	1
Monr.	1
H. L.	1
Hill, Col. E.	1
Howard, Mrs.	1
Hules, Arthur	1
Jensen, C.	1
Kelly, Mr.	1
Kwong Tay	1
Cheong	1
Lamerton, Henry	1
Lon Tong	1
Levi, S.	1
4 Leys, Robt. R.	1
Linington, W.	1
Loz, Elias da	1
Marumot, B.	1
1 regd. Martin, B.	1
1 Maurer	1
1 Giovanni	1
1 Mellom, Costa	1
1 Moore, Miss	1
1 Sheehan, C. H.	1
1 Muller, A.	1
1 Noo Tioing Siew	1
1 Patterson, Mrs. H.	1
1 Perse, Capt.	1
1 Pike, Mr.	1
1 Quong Tong Tal	1
1 Rayden, W. M.	1
1 Rolly, Chas.	1
1 Richmond	1
1 Andrew	1
1 Roberts, A.	1
1 Roche, John	1
1 Rosado Eulalia	1
1 Rosendahl, P.	1
1 Sams, W. F. B.	1
1 Sheehan, C. H.	1
1 Sams, Mrs. S. J.	1
1 Smith & Co., B.	1
1 Souza, Jo	1



